IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A beverage distribution system, comprising:

a) a container for storing a beverage;

b) a cooler for refrigerating the container and the beverage stored therein;

c) at least one beverage dispensing unit;

d) at least one distribution line for delivering the beverage from the container to the dispensing unit;

e) a trunk line extending substantially from or near the cooler to or near the dispensing tower, the trunk line including the distribution line and at least one refrigerant line in an abutting relationship;

f) a heat transfer unit located distally from the cooler and connected to the trunk line, the heat transfer unit defining a volume which is filled by refrigerant accumulating from the refrigerant line, the heat transfer unit having a coil connected to the distribution line for immersing a portion of the beverage in a bath of the refrigerant; and

g) a refrigeration loop, including the refrigerant line, for circulating refrigerant through the heat transfer unit.

2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, including air pressure means for motivating the beverage to flow through the distribution line.

3. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the distribution lines are pressurized.

4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the heat transfer unit is physically located nearer to the dispensing unit than the beverage container.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the length of the coil exceeds the length, width or height of the heat transfer unit.

6. (Original) The system according to Claim 5, wherein the coil is constructed from a metal.

7. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the refrigerant loop includes a pump and a heat exchanger for circulating refrigerant through the heat transfer unit and for cooling the refrigerant.

8. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is beer.

9. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the coil is metallic, has a length of approximately twenty to fifty feet, and the flow rate of the refrigerant through the heat transfer unit is approximately 25 to 125 gallons per hour.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) A beverage distribution system, comprising:

a) a container for storing a beverage;

b) a cooler for refrigerating the container and the beverage stored therein;

c) at least one beverage dispensing unit;

d) at least one distribution line for delivering the beverage from the container to the dispensing unit;

e) a trunk line extending substantially from or near the cooler to or near the dispensing tower, the trunk line including the distribution line and at least one refrigerant line in an abutting relationship;

f) a heat transfer unit located distally from the cooler and connected to the trunk line, the heat transfer unit defining a volume which is filled by refrigerant accumulating from the refrigerant line, the heat transfer unit connected to the distribution line; and

g) a refrigeration loop, including the refrigerant line, for circulating refrigerant through the heat transfer unit.

18. (New) The system according to claim 17, including air pressure means for motivating the beverage to flow through the distribution line.

19. (New) The system according to claim 17, wherein the distribution lines are pressurized.

20. (New) The system according to claim 17, wherein the heat transfer unit is physically located nearer to the dispensing unit than the beverage container.

21. (New) The system according to claim 17, wherein the beverage is beer.